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1. In the summer of 1952, work on the construction of a new railroad line¹ extending from Polgar, which is on the Tiszafüred-Tiszalök railroad line, to Nyekladháza, which is on the Budapest-Miskolc line. 1
 2. A new railroad line was being built from Polgar to Nyekladháza. By April 1953, the line was built from Nyekladháza as far as south of Sajószöged. 1
 3. In the spring of 1952, work on the construction of a concrete road extending from Szekszárd to Pécs was started. The road was to be 3 meters wide. In the fall of 1952, the Szekszárd - Bonyhád and Pécsvarad-Pécs sections of this road were opened to traffic. Several man-made structures were required between Bonyhád and Pécsvarad. By the spring of 1953, these structures were not yet completed. 2 In the spring of 1952, work was also started on the construction of a road link between Szajol and Gecsöd. The road was opened to traffic in the fall of 1953. It has a Macadam cover, branches off from the Budapest-Szolnok-Debrecen highway 4 or 5 kilometers east of Szajol and joins the Kecskemét - Békéscsaba highway near Gecsöd. The new road which utilized a previous dirt road, has a length of 40 to 50 kilometers. In the summer of 1952, work was started on the improvement of the Kaposvár - Balatonboglár road, which is 56 km. long. By the spring of 1953, the Kaposvár-Osztópan section of this road had been provided with an asphalt surface. 3
 4. In the spring of 1952, work on the construction of a new concrete highway running from Budapest to Mohács was started. 4
1. Comment. Information on the construction of this railroad line is received for the first time. Polgar is located 30 km. southwest of Tiszalök; Nyekladháza 13 km. south of Miskolc. It is believed that the new line has an over-all length of 25 to 30 km. The locality of Sajószöged mentioned by

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source is about in the middle of the new line. The line establishes a new connection of the Tisza (Theiss) River. It is believed that the line will also ease the traffic burden on the Miskolc railroad junction.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. This information confirms Hungarian press reports on road-construction projects in southern Hungary. It is believed that the roads mentioned are sections of a highway built from Budapest to Pécs (Highway No. 6), which was scheduled to be completed by late 1953. Szekszárd is on the Budapest-Rétszilas-Baja railroad line, 55 km. south of Rétszilas. The Pécs-Szekszárd line section is about 50 km. long. According to Hungarian press reports, the man-made structures mentioned by source included 2 major bridges with spans of up to 105 meters.

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. Balatonboglár is located on the southern bank of Lake Balaton, on the Székesfehérvár-Nagytonizsa railroad line. Kaposvár is a railroad junction about 60 km. south of Lake Balaton. The Kaposvár-Osztópn railroad line section is about 30 km. long.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that this information refers to an extension of the Budapest-Pécs highway. The road section involved is about 35 km. long.

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